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Sir:

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2. Application - 36 pages, including 1 independent claim and 10 claims total.
3. Drawings - 9 sheets of drawings containing 9 figures.
4. Declaration and Power of Attorney.
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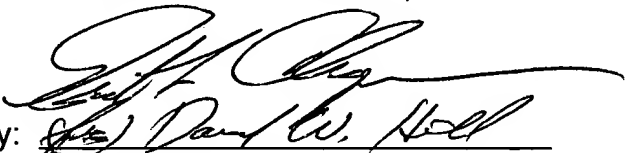
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